

could be dedicated to maintain the Williams Prayer Chapel. The small Gothic-style chapel in the center of campus opened in August 2001, and is designed to provide a place of solitude for students to experience a moment of peace with the Lord amidst their busy schedules. Dr. Williams' wife, Ardelia Williams, who taught for many years within the Indiana Wesleyan Art Department, crafted all of the stained glass windows in the small sanctuary.

In addition to Dr. Williams' time as a faculty member at Indiana Wesleyan, he has been active on Indian archaeological digs throughout the United States. He has been even more active on excavations in Israel and North Africa. He dug for over 40 years in such cities as Arad, Aphek, Jerusalem, Carthage, Lachish, Megiddo, Jezreel and Hazor. In September of 2005, at the Indiana-Israel Dinner of State, Israel Bonds bestowed upon Dr. Williams the honor of "Friend of Israel". Governor Mitch Daniels, who was honorary co-chair of the dinner, also presented Williams a "Distinguished Hoosier" award. Altogether Dr. Williams has been to the Bible lands 156 times, nearly all of which have been to Israel. The Israeli Ministry of Tourism honored Dr. Williams for his many trips to the Holy Land, by presenting him with a sterling silver copy of a 1585 world map depicting Jerusalem as the center of the world.

Dr. Williams is an accomplished author who has published many articles and three books: one of poetry titled, "From Sand to Glass"; one on the Ten Commandments titled "How To Find Your Maximum Happiness," and the other a Commentary on the book of Genesis. He is currently writing "God's Grand Design and Satan's Counter Plan".

On behalf of all Hoosiers, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Williams for his many years in education, for his contributions to our Hoosier community, our nation, and the resilient nation of Israel. I want to congratulate Dr. Williams on his remarkable career and I wish the very best to Dr. Williams, to his wife Ardelia, and to their children and their families, in his well-deserved retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. CHRIS COLLINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 20, 2017*

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from votes March 15 and March 16, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 159, YEA on Roll Call No. 160, YEA on Roll Call No. 161, YEA on Roll Call No. 162, YEA on Roll Call No. 163, YEA on Roll Call No. 164, NAY on Roll Call No. 165, NAY on Roll Call No. 166, NAY on Roll Call No. 167, YEA on Roll Call No. 168, YEA on Roll Call No. 169.

TESTIMONY OF MARGARET ADAIR QUINN ON THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

##### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 20, 2017*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I enter the powerful words of my

constituent, Maggie Quinn, who supports the Affordable Care Act and the protections it provides our most vulnerable citizens.

"On December 7, 1991 I fell and broke my back in two places. Fortunately I have regained most of my mobility but at the time it ended my career in the professional theatre. I pulled myself together and with my husband started small business which has kept us afloat. I was doubly fortunate during those years to be able to retain vested beyond COBRA medical insurance for both of us through my union, Actor's Equity Association.

Then, in 2000, my husband was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis—so we both then had "pre-existing conditions."

The ACA insurance covered his treatment and drugs, we kept our business going, and were proud that we were at no time a burden on our state or society as a whole, but by 2013, the last year of my AEA coverage, our combined premiums and co-pays neared 40% of our net income.

After the Affordable Care Act was passed and Connecticut opened its insurance exchange, my union terminated my insurance eligibility and, because I had an ACA option available in Connecticut, and because my premiums were less than the union's costs to cover us. At the time, our premiums alone were over 18,000 a year, a severe financial hardship for two self-employed 58 year olds, and I knew even then that we would not be able to sustain them for much longer.

Because of the ACA and the Connecticut exchange, we were able to enroll in a terrific plan, with a reasonable deductible and, with the tax credit figured in, with premiums less than half of what we had been paying. Every year since 2014, our premiums have decreased (they are about 6,000\$ a year now) and our deductibles have not risen commensurately. We have been well cared for, my husband's drug costs, which at retail would be approximately 5,000 a month, have not crippled us, and we have continued to work at our small business, to pay our federal, state, local and corporate taxes, and contribute to the prosperity of our town, our state, and the economy of our nation. We have been able to put money away for our eventual retirement.

Now, with the impending repeal of the ACA, that is all in jeopardy.

My husband's Great Grandmother also had Rheumatoid arthritis, and her obituary in the Waterbury Republican/American says she spent the last ten years of her life in bed.

Ms. DeLauro, I am, quite frankly, terrified that this is the prospect that awaits my husband without the safeties of the ACA. It will mean the end of our business, and the end of our livelihood, the end of our ability to pay taxes and support our customers, our community, and our state.

At nearly 62, with the medical problems we both have, we are not realistically employable by any company large enough to provide medical insurance. If the ACA tax credits and the mandate that preexisting conditions cannot factor in insurance coverage are done away with, we are likely to end up in a high risk pool at best, and what would those self-pay premiums be now, given inflation? \$25,000 a year? \$30,000? We simply cannot afford it. And without the ACA mandated removal of lifetime caps, my husband will surely cap out given his high drug costs. I cannot really express the depths of my fear that we risk becoming burdens on our state and its already stretched social safety net. The ACA has given us the promise of whole, useful working lives without the fear of penury. Please, Ms. DeLauro, help us keep the ACA."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 20, 2017*

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on March 9, 2017, I missed roll call vote No. 139 on the floor of the House of Representatives. Had I been present, I would have voted nay.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 20, 2017*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on March 17, 2017 I was absent for recorded vote No. 170 and No. 171, as I was delayed while leading a critical discussion with Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly in my capacity as Chair of the Democratic Caucus.

I would like to reflect how I would have voted if I were here: On Roll Call No. 170 I would have voted yes. On Roll Call No. 171 I would have voted yes.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT OF CHIEF JUSTICE CAROLYN WRIGHT

##### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 20, 2017*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I wish to recognize the significant career of Chief Justice Carolyn Wright, as well as celebrate her recent reception of the 2017 Texas Women Lawyers Pathfinder Award—an honor given to an individual who has championed the advancement of women in the law, and has shown creativity and leadership within that field. Chief Justice Wright has been a trailblazer for women of color working in the legal field; and therefore, I could not think of anyone more deserving of such an honor.

Along with other positions that were historical firsts for women and minorities in Texas, Chief Justice Wright is the first African-American to be appointed to an intermediate court, as well as the first woman to win a multi-county election for any state elected office. Prior to these esteemed positions, Wright has been a judge with more than 30 years experience in civil, family, criminal, and mediation law. Additionally, she has served as a practicing attorney, Dallas County associate judge, state district judge, as well as a Justice on the Court of Appeals, after being appointed by then-Governor George W. Bush in 1995.

Although her resume is quite significant, none of it is as impressive as she is as a community member. For the entire time that I have known her, Carolyn Wright has been an upstanding citizen and proud Dallasite. Those who know her both in and out of the courtroom can attest to her dedication to her work, but at the same time to her thoughtfulness as a leader and a friend. Mr. Speaker, may the